

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 4th January 2009

Paddy EI6CP Bereaved

We are sorry to have to let you know of the death of Evelyn Daly the wife of Paddy EI6CP. Evelyn had been ill for some little time and died earlier in the week. The funeral took place yesterday after 11 am Mass in Church Street, Dublin.

Paddy was for very many years the IRTS QSL Manager and will be well known to the older members of the Society and of course to those involved in the Fingal Radio Club. To Paddy and to his sons Michael, Martin and Patrick we extend our sincere sympathy.

80 metres Counties Contest

The IRTS 80 metres Counties Contest, held on New Year's Day, was well supported this year. Based on the exchanges heard on air, the scores this year are expected to be higher than in previous years. It remains to be seen whether all 32 EI and GI counties were represented, but initial reports suggest that stations from every county were indeed active.

Band conditions were as good as could be expected on 80 metres - with noise levels rising from time to time, but reasonably good propagation nevertheless.

Contest participants should submit their logs as soon as possible to the Contest Manager at QTHR, or better still by email to [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie)

Webmaster Wanted

The role of the IRTS web site includes keeping members informed about local and international amateur radio activities, encouraging members to continue their membership and motivating potential members to join, promoting the activities of radio experimenters and the hobby of amateur radio.

Being a single source of information on matters of interest to Irish radio experimenters which would include, for example, club activities, contest results, repeater frequencies, band plans and forthcoming rallies.

The job of the Webmaster is to maintain and develop the web site so that it fulfils this role in an interesting and accessible way. IRTS is looking for applications for the position of Webmaster. Like all of the society's officer positions, this is a voluntary position.

Members interested in being appointed Webmaster should indicate their interest to the society's president Finbarr Buckley EI1CS (buckleyf1 /at/ eircom.net) and demonstrate their web skills by supplying links to web sites or web pages which they have developed.

ENGINEERED...A WEEK OF WONDER!

Engineers Ireland will host a "week of wonder" for Primary and Post Primary students in February 2009. IRTS in collaboration with Engineers Ireland will run a number of workshops at Engineers Ireland's Dublin headquarters. These will consist of a two-hour, hands on, programme which will act as an introduction to communications and radio technology.

The Society also intends to package the programme so that clubs around the country will be able to run similar workshops. We have already approached a number of clubs and they have indicated their willingness to participate by running one or more workshops in their area. Engineers Ireland will provide clubs with local partners such as technical schools or libraries who are anxious to participate.

The Society would urge clubs to commit to becoming involved as soon as possible. There are obvious benefits for all involved. With the programme packs provided by the Society, clubs would need three or four personnel to run the workshop. If your club or group are interested in helping out, contact Paul EI2CA on 087 2523908 or by email to paul /at/ comma.ie

New VHF Packet and Winlink Node

There is a new VHF Packet and Winlink Node currently under test in Waterford, more details can be had by contacting either EI7IG or EI8JA

AREN Net

Nets are scheduled for the 7th and 21st of the month at 19:30. It is envisaged that the net on the 21st of the month will be a digital mode training net. Members without

email access should contact John, EI7IG at 0868167310 for more details.

Special Event Station

Terry, GM3WUX, will be QRV as GB2HLB from Dec 26 until Jan 22.

This is to remember Louis Braille who was born 200 years ago on Jan 4, 1809. Braille invented the embossed printing used by the blind.

Each QSO will be remembered with a special QSL card.

Check-out the following weblink:

www.justgiving.com/louisbraille

New Canadian Prefix's

From January 1st until February 28th 2009 you may be hearing new Callsigns from Canadian Amateur Radio operators.

The prefix Commemorates Galileo's first use of an optical telescope and the subsequent discoveries he made in his lifetime. It also is the inaugural, International Year of Astronomy a global effort initiated by the International Astronomical Union and UNESCO to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day - and night-time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery..

The Prefix you may hear are:

CG for VE's CF for VA's CH for VO's CI for VY's

For more information on this project you might like to visit www.hamiya2009.info

Escape2Adventure 9-14 January 2009

The 14th Australian Venture, 'Escape', will take place in January and Amateur Radio will be a part of it.

It is a major National youth event of the Venturer section (14-18 years old) of Scouts Australia. Venturers and Guides from all over Australia and around the world will be

taking part.

The Amateur Radio Shack will be on-air from Friday 9th January until Wednesday 14th January 2009 using the callsign VK6SAA

Operation will be on HF will be on or near the Scout Calling Frequencies: Sked can be arranged via email: vk6scouts at westnet.com.au

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday the 8th of January in Raheen House Hotel Clonmel at 8.00 pm

Rallies

15th February 2009 Coolmine Radio Rally,

The Coolmine Radio Rally, run by the Phoenix Radio Club will be held in the Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla Dublin 15 on Sunday 15th February 2009. Doors open 9.30 am for table bookings and information please contact Tony 087-2439997 or Tom 01-8211043 See map on www.coolminecs.ie/locationmap.php

Happy New Year

The IRTS Radio News would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful 2009.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, via e-mail to “charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418

News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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